### FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE. GIRLHOOD AND WOMANHOOD.

BY INEZ IRVING.

I had an older wister-nay, she was more -mother, confidente, bosom friend, 'Oer mother had died when I was young, very young ; a liny thing of three years was I when our angel mother of earth was taken to be ath Angel in Heaven. My sister, Blank was her name; sweetest name of earth-iny sainted mother's name-was scarce twelve years, and upon her devolved the care and internal attentions of her 'darfing little Inex,' as she would fondly call me, when folding me in her arms and falling on her knees before the portrait of our mother, night und more, as was her wont, she would commend me to the protection and guidance of Him who had taken our maternal guide to

Our Father was a man engaged in extensive business, that called him much from home, and left us most of our time alone, with the kind and attentive servant slaves whom he had provided to minister to our comfort and attend to the business of our household. We were not what, in these days of overgrown fortunes would be called mealthy, but in our backwoods home, we were regarded as the Nubebs of the neighborhood. We had servents, and lands, and horses and carriage, and the Bixon and comforts of life around as. And my good sister was never more happy than when in the bestowal of some of these upon our less favored and friendly neighbors.

I have said our Tather's business required anuch of his time from home-so that we were always glad when some of our rustic friends would come and spend a day or a week with us. We had no brothers-oh! how oft have I wished for one to run and sport with me over my native hills, to gather the wild flowers and weave garlands for dear Mary. But three tiny little graves beside say mother's-older than her's-told me that my Angel mother had left her two mortal children here, to go and join her cherub dar-

lings in the skies. At the dewy hour of eve, when the gentle summer zephyr was bending in graceful un-dulating waves the yielding fields of grain, and fanning the carch with its refreshing breathings, Neary would take me by the hand and walk to the little family burying ground, and seated upon the marble slab that covered the mortal remains of our departed mother, it was her wont to tell me how beautiful she was-how her dark lustrous eyes were all suffused with tears as our dear little brothers Charlie, and Georgey, and Henry, one by one fell by her side like beauteous flowers nipped by the untimely frost, and were taken up to heaven-of how she grew thin and pale when I was a little tiny babe-of how she grew thinner and paler-of how that harsh and hellow cough would tear her emaciated frame -of how she would comb back the thin auburn hair from my baby face, and gaze with those large, dark, liquid eyes upon me, and

And, oh! how my young heart would beat, like a frighted bird against the wires of its cage, as she would tell me of the evening when she died! It was a seft begateous evening in the spring-the air was redolent with the sweets of flowers-the birds were singing their soft resper hymns, and the sun was sinking behind the western hills, tinging the earth with its reseate huss and imparting a glow of loveliness and beauty sufficient, if possible, to call back the soul from the spirit land to linger yet awhile upon the gorgeous shores of time.

In each an hour, my Mary told me, my mother died-and her last words were to my Father, to remember her darling children, for her sake, and to love them, protect and cherish, as he would have dene had she still lived to bless his home. 'Let no etranger love drive my darlings from your heart, Henry, said she, as one, only one, shadow seemed to tlit across her angel brow. His manly heart was full, and he only uttered-'No rival shall ever reign between the loved on earth and the loved in heaven !'-and a smile played upon her angelic countonance, as he bent his head forward and the vow was sealed an heaven by a kies on earth.

Calling Mary to come forward from the window where in sobbing anguish she had witnessed this affecting scene, and taking her hand she said- 'Mary, my eldest born, my dearest loved, you are yet a child, but our Heavenly Father, who is all wisdom, is about to take me to himself, and upon you will be imposed the cares and responsibilities of a woman. I have not strongth to tell you of the deep yearnings of my heart, or counsel you as I know you will need. But God will instruct you, will mature and make brave and good that young and timid heart. I feel that my time has come. Here is your darling sister, my cherub babe, the last, tenderest link that binds me to carth-to your youthful care and training I commit her .-Nurture her in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The Lord thy God give thee wisdom to guide her aright-may both thy footsteps take fast hold on heaven. Oh! my blussed Lord-Thou wilt love, protect and bless them. Come hither, Henry; 'the silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken, and taking our hands and placing them in his, she gazed intently in his face, as she whispered-' Husband-Daughter-Babe-Heaven; -and pointing to the skies, she passed away to join the loved and lost, who had long looked for the coming of the Angel Mother in Heaven.

So my dear Mary used to tell me of my sainted mother, and point me to her home in the skies, away above the sun, and moon, and stars. And then I would gaze up into the sky and wonder if my angel mother and brothers in heaven were not looking down and smiling and beckoning me away to theu far-away, happy home.

But these were fond scenes of long years ago. Now I have grown up to be a pert, rollesome, gleefal girl. And Mary is the staid, dignified beautiful Woman-oh! so lovely and beautiful. And Papa, he no more absents himself from us for weary days, and weeks, and months -but having amassed enough of this world's goods, he has piously retired to the shades and quiet of home, to enjoy in the bosom of his family the tranquil retirement of an old age, which his silvery locks betoken is fast creeping upon him. O!

what a happy home was ours. But there is a stranger visiting our home, who, to judge by the modest blush and winnir smile of Mary, is not an unwelcome guest to her, while the frank, cordial greetings he meets with at the hands of my father, give assurance that he is worthy of the courtesies and confidence he receives there. And I would look upon him with childish curiosity, and wonder why he came so often. And then he would rake me on his knee, and tell me of foreign lands, and teeming cities, and tranquil lakes, and stormy ocean-and a thousand things new and delightful to my youthful ears, And I loved Harry Leslie

and his pretty stories. But I was jealous when I saw how much of my Mary's time he monopolized; and would look with strange curiosity as they would wander alone, arm linked in arm, among the wood and along the flowery bank of the beautiful rill that laughed and danced over its pebbly bed at the foot of the hill, and wendered why some excuse was always made why I must not go. And I would steal and peep into the parlor door, and try and catch the soft murmuring words that came from beneath the heavy damask curtains of the western-window that looked out upon the

for making my Mary unhappy. But the readily acknowledging that subtil chain which binds tears were raining down his farrowed cheeks, while he held the stranger by the hand and said - Take her Harry, and be happy !-

mulating there. And I went to my good old Nurse and the last lingering look of life is taken, ere I step

" darling Inez," as she loved to call me, and and powerless before that awful and mysterious leap her kind old Papa in his declining years, and which human ingenuity has no power to avert. take up her abode in the house of the strang-er. And they told me she would, and be happy—but she would come a-time and see the like apother visitor and attenues that us, like another visitor and stranger-that provement of others, a disposition to lead the im-

The next day I gazed in silent wonder up-I saw the bridal robe, and veil, and wreath; general question "what have you to do with the began to realize the mystery before me.

" All went merry as a marriage bell."

daughters at once. So my Mary and her noble liege lord parted with us, leaving us sad, longly and desolate sad, lonely and desolate.

and Harry have often visited the old pater- of responsibilities, have only served to strengthen nal mansion-and they have appeared so and deepen to intensity my predilection in favor of trusting and happy that I have envied them their jey. And now they bring their little "Inez," and little Henry, the miniature counterpart of grand-page. counterpart of grand-papa.

changed with them. My Mary is now the wake of intemperance; and not protect alone, but adored and beautiful wife and fond mother imbue them with an carnest, truthful desire to en--Harry Leslie, the volatile, light-hearted lighten their fellow men, and neglect no epportuni-Harry, has become the sagacious statesman, from which they have strayed. As a mother, oh, I the popular orator, the renowned lawyer .- have much, very much to do with the temperance My good old Papa is enjoying the olium cum cause, and God bels the woman to whose training dignitate of a green old age; the peaceful hand immortal destinies have been committed, who quiet of a good conscience-and like a ripe feels that she has nothing to do with its progress shock of corn, waiting to be gathered into the no interest in its aftrance. Dependent as she is garner house in the wkies.

perhaps you say, reader mine. egotism. Here I am, a beautiful plump In the victim himself all finer perceptions and senmaiden of sweet sixteen, waiting for another sibilities become gradually blunted, antil he is no Harry Leslie, or some one else, to come along longer prepared to view properly the height from and woo and win me. And I know a certain into which he is about to plunge. But a wife, a gifted young "friend," who, if he were to mother, a friend unsubjected to these stapefying in propose, I do not think I could find it in my fluences, must not only mourn the less of a valued heart to deny him.

linger by my side, to pluck the choicest flow-

say-but of course I don't know. Still I wonder, and wonder when it will be! But I suppose he will come, and ask the light of hope gone out from her eye-and the dear Papa for his "Inez," and he, dear good black chill of despair settled down upon her heart. soul, will say "yes,"—and we'll have anoth- should blight at once all promise of a glerious maner gay wedding at the old homestead-I reckon. should be dimming the lustre of the eagle eye, set-Still, I wonder and wonder when!

Ex.—It is creditably reported in New York, pent vice should fasten about his soul and breathe that the repairs which have been quietly making in this vessel for some time, have for guish him from the brute and constitute him his their object the employment of steam as the sublimest work, a noble and an honest man. motive agent; the hot-air project having I have no sympathy with that class of women been returned, non est incentus. Thus it disposed to ask for conspicuous position in the senate is, "wonders will never cease," for this agent, after having extinguished Watt and Fulton, through the medium of some of our very amid the war of political elements—for occupation and the public arena when the voice may arise and swell on the entranced ear of a listening and admiring crowd—for occupation amid the war of political elements—for occupation and the public arena when the voice may arise and swell on the entranced ear of a listening and admiring crowd—for occupation amid the war of political elements—for occupation and the war of political elements—for occupation amid the war of political elements—for occupation amid the war of political elements—for occupation and the war of political scientific cotemporaries, for a brief and in-texicating period, last year, has at last "fal-for equality in the abstruse realms of science; but I len from its high estate," and bowed the knee do ask and demand as her legitimate right as well

near Raleigh, for New York.

And thus I would wander to the hall, and be put directly to any man. But it is still stranger, elimbing of his knee would ask him why pry Mary did not love the strange and these many years lulled me into peaceful stambers. And then I would ask my good Papa if my Mary did not love the stranger, as addressed solely to her sex. And yet some time since, in an animated social discussion relative to the progress and varied features of the present great Temperance movement, the interrogation which stands at the bead of this article was addressed to an animated social discussion relative to the progress and varied features of the present great Temperance movement, the interrogation which stands at the bead of this article was addressed to an animated social discussion which stands at the bead of this article was addressed to an animated social discussion which stands at the bead of this article was addressed to an animated social discussion when the position assigned woman by God in social to social discussion and disdain, as addressed solely to her sex. And yet some time to progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great the progress and varied features of the present great did she not leave him and come to me. And myself. I think my answer then was confined to an then the large drops of tears would gather effort to impress upon the mind of my companion in his eyes, and he would put me on my baby two very important and I believe undisputed moral cheeks and call me his own dear pet and points. First, that no accountable creature lived to darling, and sing me songs of wars and of each present act upon future years as confined conquest. And I would listen; but they strictly to this life alone. Setting aside the reveal-would wonder and wonder why she did not injunctions therein contained relative to our neighbor's interest, happiness and character, and still And still the stranger would come, and Mary seemed so happy with him, and I would well dare assert his liberty to live alone for his own solfish purposes—to immolate virtue and truth and justice upon the shrine of individual gratification or One day I saw my Papa and the stranger gain—to advance sentiments which he knows must in the parlor together, and they staid there result in dissentions, ruin and deather to lead the a long time, but Mary was not there. And young and hopeful beneath the branches of the I ran to seek her, and found her in our own little room craing! I at once thought the stranger had made my dear Mary cry—and little room crains of the stranger had made my dear Mary cry—and sistance of a blissful christianity and all the pure I ran immediately to the Parler to tell my organization of society and look into all its minute Papa and make him drive the stranger away, and delicate ramifications, without perceiving and

You are worthy of one another; and may Nor is its general harmony impaired by the fact God bless you both !" And the stranger that this influence is not confined to warrier, statesman or author, who may astound and awe the Overwhelmed with astonishment I rushed world through the sublimity of intellect or the magback to my sister and told her, Papa had or-dered the stranger to take her away! She braces the weak and the young. The stern heart chtsped me to her besom, and cried the more of Rome's incensed beseiger relented not, though and more -and I cried too, I knew not why; deputations of the most honorable and imposing but all else were crying. And I wondered character had bowed at his feet, until the face that bent o'er his infancy and watched his cradle dream-And after this strange and eventful day, ings, beamed upon his vision that had dropped deterings, beamed upon his vision through a bath of bitmy Mary second much more absorbed in minedly to the final strokes of a death warrant, afthought and engaged in making many ar- ter the entreaties of agod parents and the agony of rangements I had not seen before. The mil- a wife had been witnessed unmoved, trembled and liner and dress makers were often at our shrank from its office before the prattling child that house, and a beautiful white satin robe was pleadingly cried for its Papa. Nor do present acbeing made and fitted to her symmetrical tions or words, insignificant though they be, end with their actual commission or utterance, but are form. And she would gaze at me and cry; and lift the veil from before the portrait of or ourselves. As ye sow now, so shall ye also reap; our sainted mother and weep. My Mary as ye tay the foundation deep and strong, so shall was evidently sorrowful, and yet she was the superstructure be symmetrical and beautiful, is a not unhappy - for she always smiled and was lesson incapable of being too indellibly impressed cheerful when the stranger came! And I upon the mind of youth. And would to Heaven I could find words and arguments sufficiently strong Time wore on, and after a few weeks there buoyant and exciteable hours, when the blood dashto induce the youthful and the gay to pause in their were evident signs that a great feast was to es impetuously through its channels and impulses be at our house! And I clapped my hands and tempers crowd thick and fast upon the brain, in childish glee as I saw and tasted the many and ask how shall I review this act when the calmsweet-meats and good things that were accu- ness and wisdom of years shall have done their changeful work-how will it appear to me when

asked her the meaning of all these things- nity? Ah, can we imagine any situation more and she told me of the stranger's love for my cheerless and awful than old age, standing upon the Mary, and of how Mary loved him. That crambling verge of the grave and within the very our good Papa had given away my Mary to shadew of eternity itself, yet doomed to reflect upon the Stranger-that there was to be a great a useless er a misspent life-powers of mind and wedding the morrow, and good old Father Ward, whom we all so dearly layed and so of doing good scerned and neglected, until the dim-Ward, whom we all so dearly leved and so ness of that night is already gathering about them in which none case work. The cuphony of fame's brick church near by, was to give my Mary clarion may indeed have rang delightfully upon the away -of how my Papa would put her hand ear, but it swells out a still londer blast for some into that of the stranger and ask God's bles- new claimant now, or has become shorn of all its sing upon them of how the stranger would power to please. Wealth may have rolled its gortake her to his home and she would be his its gilded waves the infrmities of age or stay for an Mary, and they would live and love together. hour the stern hand of disease and pain. Love il-And I wondered if Mary would leave her lumined his lifetime, but it stands back shivering

she would still love us. But I could not see pressible minds of worth into the same unselfish how this could be-and I wendered and path, and to disseminate ever these views which beautify human life and awaken all those sublimer attributes of love and admiration for the creature on the mysterious scenes passing before me. a similar character would go toward answering the gay and happy was the train of bride'smaids temperance cause?" for its opposite, intemperance, that aided in the preparation for the joyous is admitted to have been productive of more crime occasion. The evening came ; and with it and misery and poverty and degradation and death the groom and his attendants; the reverence of Parson, and the numerous throng of invited guests. I saw them stand in the centre of our spacious hall and saw may Fether tre of our spacious hall and saw my Father again, and as I sat at my mother's knee with my give his daughter's, my Mary's, hand awey hands clasped in hers, whilst she smoothed the tan--I heard the good man say -- "Wilt thou gled locks back from my brow and gazed as it were take this man whom you hold by the hand down in the very depths of my soul, her words came to be thy lawful and wedded husband, and back to me with all the farce and distinctness of forsaking all others cleave only unto him?"

I saw her, my loved, my beautiful, mothersister Many how her speciful head in a sister many head in a sister m sister, Mary, bow her graceful head in affar- those younger than yourself; and you should try to mation of the solemn question-I heard him | understand and remember her lessons well, because pronounce them "man and wife,"-saw my if she were taken away it would rest upon you to Father give them his blessing, and then I fill her place and import to them all that she has striven to teach you. Manheed will come to your It was a gay and brilliant wedding party, and be exposed to snares and temptations from brothers and they must go out into the busy world which you will be sheltered, but perhaps thereby able all the more readily to perceive. Watch over A few days and the Groom with His beau- them, warn, entrem, direct, that they may not have tiful bride were to leave for their future darkened by the contraction of odious vices. Alto mourn over the follies of youth, or have maturity home. My Mary implored earnestly that ways remember, my child, that you must endeavor her little Inez might be allowed to go with to be a model after which the rest can live in safety. her. But my good Papa was inexerable, Upon her deathbed these words were repeated, and and could not agree to give up both his child as I was, is it any wender they sank dreep into

All the relations I have sustained since the days Years have sped by since then-and Mary of my childhood, with their consequent accumulation me, and earnestly pray that He may protest them How times have changed, and we have from all the fell consequences which follow in the upon her affections for happiness, and susceptible And what of yourself, our tittle Inez ?- as that very dependence makes ber to any violation of the principles of virtue and train, she must ever be the greater sufferer where these are disregarded Well, since you ask it, I may tell without or openly violated through an intemperate course. which he has fallen, or the deep, dark, dread abyss companion or relative, but must realize in all its And they do say he will; for he loves to startling force the depraced path he has chosen and In the quiet seclusion of her life she has ample ers for me; to sing to me the sweetest sengs, and talk so much like a Lover!—so they well as to anticipate the closing in of days of still

deeper gloom, when the sunlight of life shall have become veiled in clouds of impenetrable density-Better, far better, that the rigid hand of death ting his seal of silence upon the eloquent tongue and stiffening the robust and sinewy form for the THE "ERICSSON" TURNED INTO A STEAM- grave, than that the slow crushing coils of the ser-

to the grayhaired veteran in mechanism— as imperative duty, that she carefully resolve and a-dopt, and fearlessly advocate all those strongly PRINTING PAPER.—Four hundred and fifty bundles of printing paper passed through minds. And who will dare deny her this, since it Norfolk a day or two since, from the mills is an obligation no earthly law has imposed, a duty no earthly decree can annul. Fanatical it may be

dewy lawn, all hight and glittering in the slivery moon-light. And I felt sad, oh l so ance Cause?

BY LOBA.

It is very strange that such a query should ever indifferent as she really is. How she dares to smile but I deeply wender wien I glance over the ruin intemperance has wrought, the hearthstones it has desolated, the lives it has blighted, and the hearts it has broken, how it a that she can be as calm and when the wine cup flashes and sparkles around her:

when the wine cup flashes and sparkles around her; how she can clasp without a shudder the hand that deals it out to a stricker world; how she can tamely bear to have questione, her right to interfere.

Nor has she been by any means unaccountable for the desolation which has marked its progress. She has presided at the board when it bubbled and glowed on the crystal gobiet's brim. She has sauctioned its use at the birth, the bridal, and even in the dark funeral hour. She has allowed its identification with all her brighest and holiest social enjoyments. The hour of mirth has been social enjoyments. The hour of mirth has been rendered boisterous by its unhealthy influence—and that of sorrow, which should work out its own great lossous of faith and submission and love, is oftimes drowned in its stupelying effects. In view of this thoughtless thoughtless course, now that the world is awaken-ing from its long lethargy, let her, too, retrace her steps and expend her enthusiasm upon the suppression of every variation in that custom which she knows to be wrong. God has endowed woman with influences of a spotil yet potent character.—
He has laid her hand upon the helm of the infant mind. He links the destinies of a lifetime with the lessons taught by a mother's gentle lip. He has rendered the stern heart of manhood impressible by her reproachful glance—the pleadings of her voice—and the uniterable beauty of her confiding trust. He has appointed her His minister to the feeble infant's fire sad wailing cry-He endows her with strength to vipe the death damp from the oftly brow-and to fold the spotless drapery which is never more to be strred over the face that she

readily acknowledging that subtil chain which binds each individual to his fellow man, and consequently open link of which heiner booken or corroded, affects meterally for a time it durability or beauty of those which it was designed to connect.

Nor is its general harmony impaired by the fact let the hours of weariness and pain which come alike to all, press upon him sore--let deception and falsehood for a time crush back all his native energy, until collapsed and nerveless he feels there is naught left him but despair-and where dowe find him then? Not in senate chamber or court-not amid the jostling crowd or on the crashing battle field-No, ah! no; but in the seclusion of home, with woman's gentle fingers lingering about his fevered soul, and her voice discoursing encouragement until hope and health come back again. And in those sufficient to fill that one great aching void, sacred are not not fond dreamings, meet only for her own

which guides his feet aright. I have given you no logical answer to the ques- -our whole design and desire has been to tion "what have you to do with the temperance advance the good cause of temperance and cause?" I know full well. But what to woman happiness among our fellow-men. No other are all the cool deliberate elucidations of science, the abstract arguments against its effects upon thought, feeling or intention has actuated us the physical or mental system, the long array in any manner or to any purpose. of murders and outrages and prisons and gibbets which are intimately associated with intemperance? We enter upon the sixth year of our labors Unmoved she may list to it all, for her heart's illols with the same exalted purpose, determined remain untouched; but bend down to her car and whisper the talismanid words-a drunken husband, to turn neither to the right or to the left; to an inebriate son or intemperate brother, and her interfere with no other subjects foreign to blood runs chill and horror and sickening dread thrills along all the electric wires of her soul. Look ye well to it then, since ye have so much at stake, the consummation of our mission, and to that ye have also much to do with the advancement which we surrender all other considerations of the temperance cause.

FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE. power on ourselves: a power when properly customs; they can either frown down, or tertaining to our thousands of subscribers. make popular, habits and forms in any community. Were the good Ladies of North sober men, our Temperance Halls would be good opinion and patronage. crowded, doggeries would be deserted, and morals every where changed for the better. would be removed quickly and effectively for say you to this?

#### FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE ACE. Adieu to Summer.

Alas! sweet Summer! we deeply regret thy departure, while we welcome with unspeakable delight the approach of mellow thy to engage the affections and efforts of all autumn. Yet we rejoice to know that the men whose hearts are susceptible of feelings 'queen of the seasons' will again visit as, of sorrow for the woes and ills of society awith her rich and enchanting beauties and odorous flowers, that are now so rapidly de- round them; and yet how few actively cocaying to bloom no more till her gentle breath operate in any efforts for the amelioration of shall softly touch them, and cause them to the condition of the innocent unfortunates, come forth from their secret hiding places, decked in the gay and magnificent colors which nature has assigned them, and again intemperance, yet through its pernicious inthrow their fragrance on the passing zephyr. fluence over those upon whom they are de-Those levely, unassuming little wild flowers, pendent for the necessaries of life, are plungtoo, are fading, which are so cheering to the ed into all the horrors of the drunkard's lone stranger as he roams unmolested o'er the expansive fields and picturesque forests, home. And fewer still are there who are occasionally culling one and gazing on it striving to redeem the guilty slave of appewith sensations of peculiar pleasure and de- tite back to the path of sobriety and virtue. light, while his heart expands with love and Would that we could infuse into the mind of gratitude to the 'Ominpotent Ruler,' for conferring on ungrateful creatures so many innumerable blessings. Flowers are tokens engage in this work-a work which would of God's love to us; messengers sent from call back from the dark paths of sin and fol-Summer is, indeed, beautiful; but Autumn, though a melancholy is a contemplative seathe dreary, cheerless waste. And as we see succeed, "you will have saved a soul alive or inviting, are fleeting and evanescent as a gleam of sunshine or a short-lived summer flower. - - MINNIE, OF VIRGINIA.

county, says: We are doing a little execution INEZ IRVING'S beautiful Story-" Girlhood in the ranks of the enemy away up here in and Womanhood"-is written in a captiva-Davidson. The little hand-full of Temperance folks in these diggings, had the rum ting, affecting style that cannot fail to please, candidates awfully frightened during the both on account of its pious breathings and canvass. They talked long and loud at first its novel and racy language. We predict against temperance reform, but they soon that "INEZ" will become a favorite with the found they were stirring up more opposition than they had supposed two or three such readers of the Age. The earnest defence of counties as this could raise. A temperance Woman's right and duty to labor for the adman took the field, they then became as mild vancement of the Temperance cause, by our and gentle as lambs, came to terms and a- our gifted Contributor "Lora," will comnow, Mr. Spirit, we have all temperance men | The little effort of " MINNIE, of VIRGINIA" you reported; so make this correction, if you glad to hear from her again. please. We want all the influence we can get on our side. And we want both our file and engaged for future numbers, which friends and our foes to have some knowledge we believe will be highly acceptable to our of our strength.

A FACT TO BE LOOKED AT AND CONSIDERED. The Boston Bee, of the 5th says:- ' From the that twenty-three hundred and eight foreigners ing the seeds of usefulness along the paths of were arrested in that period, and only 451 Americans-about one fifth as many. This literary effort. is an important fact, showing, as we have frequently argued, that the criminals of ourcity dodging these facts.



RALEIGH, N. C. Wednesday, September 6, 1854.

A Positive Arrangement. Subscribers receiving their papers with a red wark, are thereby notified that in four weeks from the re-ceipt of the first number thus marked, their subscription years will expire; and unless renewed withingthat time the paper will be discontinued. +
This rule will be inflexibly adhered to.

### Our New Volume.

To-day, we enter upon the Sixth Volume of the Spirit of the Age. For five years we have labored with what ability we possessed, to expose the evils of intemperance, and exhibit in all their striking and lovelitemples-her eye looking truth and pity into his ness of contrast, the beauties and pleasures of a life of sobriety and virtue. We have hours, oh how much she can pour into his bar, of the endeavored to enforce upon the public mind better feelings which her absence from temptation has engendered and the continued seclusion of her life so highly favours. She can teach him that sition every prudent and healthful influence worldly distinction, and grandeer, and fumerare in- and agency for the suppression of the one, to his immortal responsibilities alone. She can and the fostering and promotion of the other. impress upon his mind that truth and kindness and That we may have erred in judgment, is of simple duties, but to him unnumbered opportunities course incidental to frail mortality, but howare offered for improvement in virtue and holiness ever this may be, we feel a conscientious and of leading othersinte safe spaths by the lamp conviction that we have not erred in purpose

this holy work; but to direct our energies to of a personal or political character, that are infinitely beneath and inferior to it.

We have heard much about the humani- In conducting the Spirit of the Age for zing influence Ladies possess on society, and the ensuing year, we shall bring to bear what must confess that we have often felt their of talent and energy we can call into requiwielded, of the most persuasive and fascinating kind. Ladies are more or less, directly tive companion-and with the aids we shall or indirectly, the makers of our manners and have, we hope to make it acceptable and en-

We deem it unnecessary to prolong our Carolina formed into an Association, whose remarks in the way of promises for the fuultimate object was to banish drinking habits ture, and will simply add that, as our nufrom our beautiful, State, doggeries would merous patrons have expressed full satisfacquickly vanish, and schools and churches tion with the Paper heretofore, we shall use dies to receive the attentions of none but every exertion to continue it worthy of their

We would respectfully and earnestly Then, it would be useless to legislate on the ask at the hands of our friends a continuance liquor question, if the ladies sent forth their of their exertions to increase the circulation prohibitory influence against it. The evil of our paper. Independent of its prominent ever! Ladies of North Carolina, what do feature, the Age will be a Family and News paper, and for \$1 the reader will have a large sheet, filled with a variety of general and interesting matter. Send on your orders .-

The cause of Temperance is one wor-Heaven, and termed the 'alphabet of angels.' ly the erring sons of men, and restore them in usefulness to their families and to society. son. For we see nature deprived of her Reader! suppose you single out one single beauties, and the eye lingers abroad upon case and try your efforts upon him. If you the stern oak robbed of its green foliage, its branches naked and deserted, and the yellow and covered a multitude of sins"—if you fail, leaf speaking of changes and decay, so we you will have the proud conscientiousness of learn that all earthly objects however strong knowing you have done your duty. Try it !

OUR ORIGINAL ARTICLES .- The Story on our first page, by A. L. Hicks, gives evi-A gentleman writing from Davidson dence of genius, and will be read with interest. the successful candidate for Senator. And mand the attentive perusal of every reader. elected to the Legislature from Davidson .- betoken a cultivated mind. We should be

We have several Literary productions on Patrons. Our North Carolina writers will make a good and creditable showing through the Age. Give us encouragement and supreport of the Chief of Police, Robert Taylor, port and we will bring forward contributions for the mounth of July, submitted yesterday from many gifted minds that are lying dorto the Board of Mayor and Alderman, it appears mant and idle, that should be engaged in sow-

We have received some Resolutions are mainly foreigners. This will be found to from Louisburg, and a proposition to hold a be the case by going to South Boston and State Temperance Convention in this city on Charlestown. It is the foreign and not the native element that is hostile alike to the the 18th of October ensuing; but they came country and its institutions. There is no to hand too late for this issue. They shall appear next week.

## Abolitionism and Temperance.

We have noticed in some of our State exchanges a constant inkling to identify the Abolitionists of the North with the Temperance movements in that section, and by in- ness, women in trowsers, womanly heroes, and uendo or any other way, from this cause, all that class of sickening female whiskerism seek to cast reproach and odium upon the which has digraced the present age of Woman Temperance cause in the South. The con- by the Amazonians who would wrest from nection thus forced to be made, is unjust man the place and pusuits for which he was and unsustained by any facts in the case, as designed by an All-wise Creator. Our puris evident from the long and well known pose is a higher and better one-it is to point truth, that no effort, however disguised or you to those high and ennobling positionstrivial, has ever succeeded in getting a foot- those elevated prerogatives for which Nature hold in the National Councils, containing as has so faithfully endowed you, with the hope its sessions generally do, a majority of North- that we may call into exercise those exalted ern men ;-yet notwithstanding, on all occa- gifts so eminently qualified to lend a charm sions and every where, whether the sessions and lustre to the female character. have been held in Abolition Boston, or Can- We admit that Woman has rights high ada, or Chicago, or New Brunswick, every and prominent in the world's history and fanatical effort to intermix the subject of Ab- destiny-and in order that she may be justly ment with the Abolitionists.

Convention on any subject, we look upon as whose effects would be as lasting as Eternity.' an injury to the pure cause of temperance, who in the due exercise of her rights, would

tendency of some of our Editors to throw soon then would they be able to sway a high odium and distrust upon the cause of temper- and holy influence that would commend the ance, by an attempt to affiliate the one with homage and respect of the sterner sex, inthe other. It is unfair, unmanly, unjust, stead of being their mere playthings, with Let them wage battle against Abelitionism whom to pass an hour when seeking frivolous as much as they will, and we will join them pastime from the rugged pursuits of life. in heart and word and sword-but not let | Said a strong-minded woman to a lady the them turn upon us afterward and taunt us other day-'Let us go and rote, we have as with the sins of our common enemy, because good right as our would-be-lords!' 'I have we happen to think similarly upon a totally voted, three times this day,' was the reply,

## He has no Enemies.

by their fellows-friends in writing an obit- sons a right. uary notice of a departed neighbor or acquaintance, sometimes write-"he died with- Our exchanges contain accounts of the out an enemy" -" none knew him but to most distressing drought, extending over an love him," &c. Now, as a general thing, amount of territory hitherto unparalleled, such remarks are extravagant, and are to be and which has entirely destroyed all vegetataken in a modified sense. But taken in their tion, blasting, the prospects of the husbandliteral signification, even admitting that it man and spreading alarm and terror through were possible for a good man or woman to the country. We see the mest appalling the rough stormy voyage of life without hav- land, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, most of the is it to be desired, in view of the responsi- in the shape of vegetation is completely bilities we owe to God and human society? burnt up. Beside the scorching rays of the

world is a mixed multitude of good and evil, destroying every thing before it for miles. and it is as natural for the corrupt and wick. The editor of the Louisville Journal, after ed human heart to hate that which is pure, travelling from St. Louis to Chicago, and good and holy, as it is the duty of the regen- thence south to Louisville, (Ky.) comes to erated man to abhor that which is sinful, the conclusion that in the great corn growwicked and abominable in the sight of Heaven, ing States of Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, How then can a good man, whose duty it is Illinois, Arkansas, and Missouri, the corn to reprove sin, to raise his voice and set his face crop this season will fall short one-half the how can he do so without exciting the wicked Missouri it is thought the crop will not be mity to God !"-and if an enemy to God, it nearly a total failure. must be also an enemy to every body and The Cleaveland Herald of Thursday, the every thing like God-to every thing that is 24th, says: thing that reproves the sinful habits in which the burning country around us. Sun and they indulge. In a word, it is a libel against fire are doing a work of destruction which is any thing good to exist in the world without soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and comits of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and comits of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and comits of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and comits of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and couninguring the malice and countries of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and countries of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit couninguring the malice and countries of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit countries of the soil are on fire in Portage and Summit countries of the soil are on the and sustains the Christian, or the bold Re- the villages is apprehended, for there is not former, who sets his face against the pernicious and wicked customs and practises of A spark from a passing locomotive will men. They know that for the same cause set a field a blaze, and the fire sweeps along that makes bad men hate the Bible because like a race-horse. In the valleys the smoke it condemns them, will they hate men who is constant and at night so dense as to be nearly suffocating, and without a speedy rain insist upon principles and measures that ex- to check this disaster not only crops but buildpose and reprobate their course of con- ings will fall before the flames. A fire is ragduct. A good man cannot float down the ings a short distance this side of Painesville. current of life without trying to rear some and has already spread over a mile in extent gage in evil itself.

cutions of bad men.

Salisbury Watchman, of the 24th, that on following item in our exchanges: the morning previous, Dr. Edward Brown. of that place, in a fit of insanity, leaped from a second-story window in his father's resideath in two hours afterwards. Dr. Brown

Woman's Rights. Start not, fair render; we do not intend inflicting upon you an article upon the threadbare and disgusting themes of female manli-

olitionism with it, have been as promptly and appreciated-in order that her potent influunanimously repulsed, as it would have been ence may be seen and felt, it is essential that if these meetings had been held in Richmond, she should assert those rights and maintain Raleigh, Charleston or New Orleans. This them with a jealous firmness. In the lanis a historical fact, that it would do well for guage of a female friend whose letter lies those writers to remember who are so fond before us-Woman's are the highest and of striving to ally the temperance move- holiest rights which ever fell to mortality-'tis not to plow the land nor reap the har-We are free to admit that some of the leading Abolitionists of the North are also in the battle crish—not to navigate the seas prominent Temperance men and frequently or rush with the bustling crowd to the ballot figure in their Conventions-but with them box-but the right of woman is to mould, there is no more assimilation or sympathy and form, and fashion the moral and intellecby Southern temperance men, than there is tual powers of those that do. O! if she between Southern Democrats or Southern would but consider them aright-if she would whigs, with Abolition democrats or abolition burst the frivolous fetters which a corrupt whigs. There is no Southern temperance custom and fashion have imposed upon her. man who does not loathe and abhor an Ab- and rise up in the charm of her very depenolitionist, whatever other commendable traits dency upon man, and show the medest and of character he may possess. We regard determined disposition to dare to do what him as an enemy to his country and a mis- her God approves and her conscience sancchievous disturber of the peace and harmony tions, then would she exercise rights whose of the Nation. To sit with such a man in influence would be high as Heaven, and

being beneath the dignity and honor of any So writes a North Carolina Lady, who has Southern man. Such men will ever prove a correct idea of the power of Woman, and and through their fanaticism many and for- feign elevate her sex to the commanding midable barriers have been reared to obstruct sphere she was designed to occupy. Would that sentiments such as these were but the We protest then, against this growing reflection of all our fair countrywomen-how

'and I know I voted right every time, thro' my noble representatives, my sons.' She This is sometimes said of persons, to illus- understood her rights, and she took the right trate the good esteem in which they are held step to maintain them, by educating her

# Distressing Drought.

live without having enemies-to pass over accounts from portions of Virginia, Marying any one to say an unkind word or enter- Western and Northwestern States, extendtain an unfriendly feeling towards them .- ing to Missouri, Texas, &c. Every thing This question gives rise to much contem- sun, innumerable fires have taken place a plative thought. The population of this mong the praries and woods, sweeping and

against evil and wrong doing in all its forms, average yield. In portions of Illinois and passions of bad men towards him? The Scrip- one-third as large as usual, and in the neightures teach us that "the heart of man is en- borhood of the Ohio river it is regarded as

opposed to their wicked practises, every gives us a sad and discouraging account of the moral code and government of God, for carrying a panic in its wake. Miles of the incurring the malice and enmity of wicked dry ones; the surface earth is consumed to men. And it is this reflection which nerves the depth of a foot, and danger to some of

barrier to arrest the desolating flood of evil of the forest.'

THE DROUGHT IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURIthat surrounds him. It is as much his duty BAD STATE OF THINGS .- The Warsaw Demoto expose and oppose evil, as it is not to en- crat, of the 17th, says: ' Never since the settlement of this country has the prospect of the corn crop been so discouraging as the pre-These remarks are peculiarly applicable sent. The whole Southwest Missouri, and to to those engaged in the Temperance Reform. some extent the whole State, with a part of Our faces have been set against a most com. Arkansas and Texas, is within the range of this mon and popular vice, one that is entwined than ever before known. The corn crop of with endeared fondness around the appetites this region will not yield more than a fourth and customs of men, and it is to be expected of an average crop. Many fields-nay farms that they will denounce, vilify and abuse us will make none-not even seed. The corn on for it—but instead of deterring, it should stimulate us to renewed and redoubled exerdend; parched up; as well as wild shrubbery tions in the great struggle in which we are in many places. Many of the trees are dying engaged. From the days of the great Apos- on the gravelly ridges. In fact the grass and tle, the preacher of Temperance has been leaves of the shrubbery is so parched, in many the hated and persecuted of men; and it will places, that it will burn as it ordinarily would in November. We have had no rains, except be so until the great millenium shall usher one or two partial showers that done but little in that day when "God's will shall be done good, for some ten weeks. Luckily we had a in earth as in Heaven." This never can be tolerable harvest of wheat, and oats was exwhile the liquor scourge blights the earth. the want of steam mills this part of the country Let us press forward then and labor for its is in a deplorable condition for bread. Flour removal, regardless of the enmity and perse- is worth from four to five dollars per hundred. and none to behad; corn meal \$1 25 per bushel,

MELANCHOLY DEATH .- We learn from the Since the above was in type we find the

CINCINNATI, August 29 .- Advices received here from Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, dence and fractured his skull, and sustained speak favorably of the corn crop, and throughother internal injuries, which resulted in his death in two hours afterwards. Dr. Brown been refreshing rains, which have greatly had, for two months past, been tending to insanity; and it was designed shortly to remove him to the Asylum at Columbia, S. C. improved the condition of the crops. The indications now are, that taking the country through, the yield will not be much below a fair average crop.